



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whittemore Park Middle  
Horry  
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 552  
Principal: Robbie Watkins  
Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry  
Board Chair: Will Garland

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

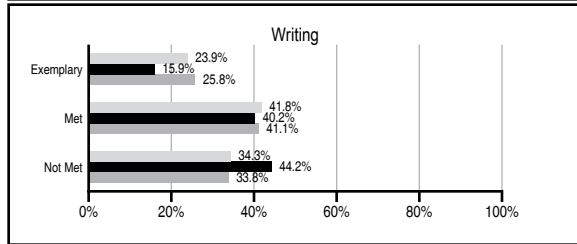
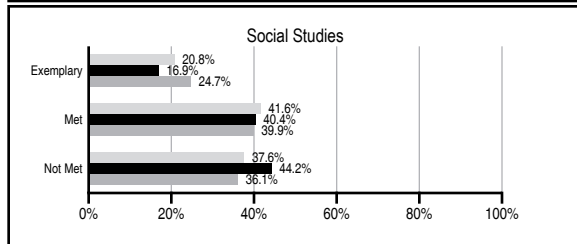
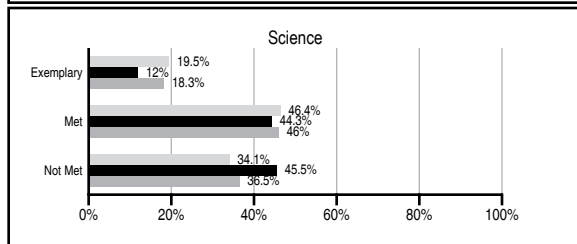
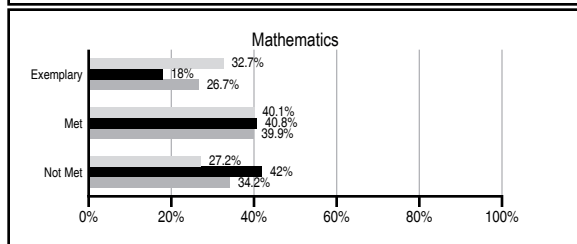
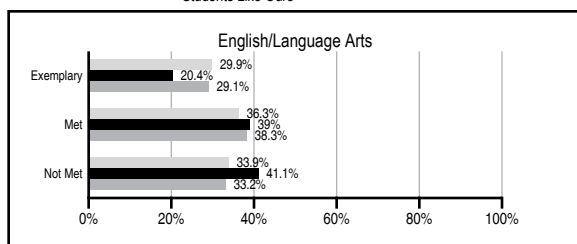
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	22	19	5

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2007)			
South Carolina	31	44	23
Nation	27	43	27
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)			
South Carolina	29	39	24
Nation	30	39	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)			
South Carolina	46	31	21
Nation	43	30	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.1	90.8
English 1	100.0	89.8
Physical Science	N/A	92.2
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.2	90.5

## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

**2010 Goal:**  
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

**2020 Vision:**  
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=552)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	32.7%	Up from 22.9%	15.8%	21.6%
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.2%	1.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.9%	95.3%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.6%	Down from 20.0%	9.4%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	19.0%	Down from 22.0%	14.9%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	4.3%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 7.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=45)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.2%	Up from 57.4%	56.2%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	62.2%	Up from 61.7%	66.2%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.0%	Up from 5.1%	9.9%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.7%	Down from 85.8%	81.1%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.7%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,905	Up 2.9%	\$46,079	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	Up from 0.9%	3.7%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	12.3 days	Down from 20.8 days	10.6 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.0 to 1	Up from 15.9 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	Up from 86.6%	89.4%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	86.3%	Down from 98.6%	97.1%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,637	Up 21.3%	\$8,340	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3%	Down from 64.3%	62.7%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	44.2%	Down from 59.4%	55.6%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 66.7%	90.5%	90.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	145	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	65.0%	66.4%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	67.5%	61.7%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.5%	77.3%	69.7%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This Report Card reviews the progress for increasing student learning as well as test scores. This year we had 14 eighth graders recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars, 11 eighth graders recognized as Explore Scholars, one sixth grade and one seventh grade Grand Champion at the SC Mathfest, and Whittemore Park Mock Trial Team competed in regional competition. 14 students were recognized for All County Chorus, 4 students were recognized for All County Band, one student was recognized for All-Region Band, 67 students participated in high school athletics, and a Special Education teacher was recognized at Rookie Teacher of the Year by the SC Exceptional Schools program. If you have any questions about the information in this report or want a copy of the school's strategic plan, please call me anytime at 488-0669. Robbie M. Watkins, Principal; Jim Rabon, SIC Chair

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